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**From:** Mendelsohn, Mike [Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/11/2020 4:14:38 PM  
**To:** McNally, Robert [McNally.Robert@epa.gov]; Overstreet, Anne [overstreet.anne@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bohnenblust, Eric [Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes  
**Attachments:** response to inquiry mlm 5 11 20.docx

Looks good to me. I made a few edits. Please advise. Thanks.

Mike

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**From:** Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

Mike,

Attached are draft responses to the questions. Edit as necessary. Thanks.

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**From:** Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

Sounds good.

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**From:** Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

I'm working on it now. Will send you something shortly, I need to go back and check the rtc document to make sure we are consistent with what we have in there for a couple. Dian is looking for something COB today if possible. I said that was fine on my end and thought it was likely ok with management but wasn't 100% sure.

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**From:** Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

Eric,

Sounds good to me. Thoughts?

Mike

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**From:** Overbey, Dian <[Overbey.Dian@epa.gov](mailto:Overbey.Dian@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** Milewski, Elizabeth <[Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>; Overstreet, Anne <[overstreet.anne@epa.gov](mailto:overstreet.anne@epa.gov)>; Wozniak, Chris <[wozniak.chris@epa.gov](mailto:wozniak.chris@epa.gov)>; Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

That would be great, Elizabeth. I see that Eric is now online too.

Dian

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**From:** Milewski, Elizabeth <[Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Overbey, Dian <[Overbey.Dian@epa.gov](mailto:Overbey.Dian@epa.gov)>; Overstreet, Anne <[overstreet.anne@epa.gov](mailto:overstreet.anne@epa.gov)>; Wozniak, Chris <[wozniak.chris@epa.gov](mailto:wozniak.chris@epa.gov)>; Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

I can pull together a first draft if no one else is doing so.

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**From:** Overbey, Dian <[Overbey.Dian@epa.gov](mailto:Overbey.Dian@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** Overstreet, Anne <[overstreet.anne@epa.gov](mailto:overstreet.anne@epa.gov)>; Wozniak, Chris <[wozniak.chris@epa.gov](mailto:wozniak.chris@epa.gov)>; Milewski, Elizabeth <[Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Milewski.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

Sent this press inquiry, received today and due today, to Bob, Mike and Eric but none of them appear to be available right now.

Can any of you help out on this?

Thanks,

Dian

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**From:** Overbey, Dian  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Bohnenblust, Eric <[Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov)>; McNally, Robert

<McNally.Robert@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: About Oxitec permit to release GM mosquitoes

Hi All,

We received this press inquiry this morning. See highlighting below. Deadline is ASAP.

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**From:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:51 AM

**To:** Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Motilall, Christina <Motilall.Christina@epa.gov>; OPP FEAD CSB <OPP\_FEAD\_CSB@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: About Oxitec permit to release GM mosquitoes

On it.

Minus Cheryl (who is now with OPPT IO and Julia who is all with OPPT)

Minus Kaythi who just had a baby 😊

+ The rest of OPP Comms

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**From:** Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:32 AM

**To:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: About Oxitec permit to release GM mosquitoes

Good morning,

Please see below for reporter's questions re: GM mosquitos. **Deadline is ASAP.**

I would like to write an article about the last permit EPA has done to oxitec to release GM mosquitoes in Florida and Texas.

I have some questions about the authorizations.

- Why do the releases not occur within 500 meters of sewage treatment facilities and any farm producing citrus crops?
- How are you controlling the effectiveness of the Oxitec technology?

Why does EPA decide to restrict the release (20 000 mosquito / week / acre) ?

Thank you,  
Melissa

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Christophe Noisette <[noisette@infogm.org](mailto:noisette@infogm.org)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 4:04:33 AM EDT  
**To:** "Sullivan, Melissa" <[sullivan.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:sullivan.melissa@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

Le 08/05/2020 à 15:42, Sullivan, Melissa a écrit :

Good morning Christophe,

I received your inquiry from a colleague. Can you share your deadline, please? Do you have any questions in addition to the below?

Bonjour

My deadline est as soon as possible.

I have an other question : why does EPA decide to restrict the release (20 000 mosquito / week / acre) ?

Thanks a lot,

All the best,  
Christophe

Thank you,  
Melissa

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christophe Noisette <[noisette@infogm.org](mailto:noisette@infogm.org)>  
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:21 AM  
To: Reynolds, Alan <[Reynolds.Alan@epa.gov](mailto:Reynolds.Alan@epa.gov)>; Mendelsohn, Mike <[Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov)>  
Subject: About Oxitec permit to relase GM mosquitoes

Dear EPA's members

I am Christophe Noisette, a French journalist specialized on issues related to GMOs and seeds.

I would like to write an article about the last permit EPA has done to oxitec to release GM mosquitoes in Florida and Texas.

I have some questions about the authorizations.

- Why do the releases not occur within 500 meters of sewage treatment facilities and any farm producing citrus crops?
- How are you controlling the effectiveness of the Oxitec technology?

Thanks a lot for this answer,

All the best,

Christophe Noisette  
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